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Comment Number	Page Number	Paragraph	Comment	Otak Response
Smith 1	B-3		“other areas of sand dunes have more forms” , This response could be confusing and bring questions of whether it refers to WSA or KOP line of site.	Text changed to clarify.
Smith 2	B-16		I believe that this area could be high as high public interest due to the proximity Adobe Town WSA. This area has had a focus by several groups.	Interest changed to “H”
Smith 3	B-19		Amount of use may be considered higher during big game hunting season. The assessment would hold true for the rest of the year.	Leave as-is, per conference call.
Smith 4	B-24		The amount of use is very high during big game hunting season. Oct 1-15 and mid to late November is the peak usage. This area could be considered equal to unit 23 in usage during these times. This area is one of the units we get the most questions about from non-resident hunters.	Amount of use changed to “M”, to match unit 23. Add Comment: “High usage Oct 1-15 and mid to late November during big game hunting season.”
Smith 5	B-25		Similar comments as B-24	Leave rating alone. Recently discovered/popular for hunting.
Smith 6	B-29		Public Interest Explanation of Rating is “Rawlins Playground”. This will get questions from interested groups and individuals as to its meaning. It does fit usage but probably not good terminology.	Change to: “Important recreational destination for Rawlins residents.”
Smith 7	B-61		Public interest: It is important to note that the prospect and Big creek roads are used heavily for river access throughout the late spring and summer months.	Rating stays the same. Add text to public interest: “It is important to note that the Prospect and Big Creek roads are used heavily for river access throughout the late spring and summer months.”
Smith 8	B-86		Lake Hattie and Twin Buttes Reservoir are both highly used Recreation areas. These sites see a high number of visitors throughout most of the year.	Public Interest rating increase to “H”, overall rating remains “M”. Add text: “Lake Hattie and Twin Buttes Reservoir are highly used Recreation areas year-round.”

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Smith 9	B-93		Sand Creek National Natural Landmark is located within this unit.	Add "M" rating and text to Special Area Sensitivity: "Sand Creek National Natural Landmark is located within this unit."
Smith 10	B-97		Not sure why this is called I-80 corridor. It appears to be on Happyjack road on the sensitivity map to the north.	The viewshed for I-80 Corridor East should be more visible where it overlaps with adjacent "M" rated SLRU's. The unit 095 shown is based on I-80, not Happy Jack Road, and is "M" rated.
Smith 11	Map 3-1a		Unit 50 given three times on map	Disregard. Explanation provided during conference call that SLRU's may become non-contiguous or fragmented when overlapped by other higher rated units.
Smith 12	Map 3-1a		Unable to find unit 30 on map	Disregard. Explanation provided during conference call that SLRU's may become non-contiguous or fragmented when overlapped by other higher rated units.
Smith 13	Map 3-1a		Rating unit 08 not shown on map.	Disregard. Explanation provided during conference call that SLRU's may become non-contiguous or fragmented when overlapped by other higher rated units.
Smith 14	Map 3-1a		Shape of unit 035 could come into question	Disregard. Explanation provided during conference call that SLRU's may become non-contiguous or fragmented when overlapped by other higher rated units.
Smith 15	Map 3-1a		Unit between 17,19, 20 not numbered	Disregard. Explanation provided during conference call that SLRU's may become non-contiguous or fragmented when overlapped by other higher rated units.
Smith 16	Map 5-1a		Where WSAs are located the inventory class shows them as a VRM II. It might be necessary to explain this or put a reference as to why these are rated at a lower class. Maybe refer to Pg 61.	VRM doesn't apply. These are VRI classes.
Smith 17	Page 44	Paragraph 7	The Oregon Trail is outside of the Rawlins Field Office.	Text clarified to read "segment of the viewshed of the Oregon Trail"
Smith 18	Map2-2		Non numbered observation points should be removed	Clarification provided during conference call that there

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			when not used to evaluate the RFO.	are points shared across the FO boundary, since some units span across both Rawlins and Rock Springs.
Smith 19	Page 44 & Map 1-3		The Oregon and Cherokee Trails do not fall under National Designated Trails. Not sure why 15 miles either side of trail was chosen. The RMP also lists the Rawlins to Baggs Trail and Rawlins to Ft. Washakie Road.	Trails are not listed as NHT's in the RMP, but instead just Historic Trails. For this reason, 15 mile NHT offset as requested by BLM/Brad Cownover disregarded. Offsets changed to reflect SLRU rating, consistent with other inventories.
Smith 20	Map 5-1 a		At 28n70w sec 31 & 32 and 27n70w sec 5 & 6 no inventory or class was shown.	Outlier areas were examined and found to be of similar character to two adjacent SQRU's. They have been absorbed and to be integrated into all related maps.
Smith 21	n/a	General	Binder fell apart; need something heavier for FO use	Otak will look into providing heavier binders.
Spehar 1	n/a	General	Please add a list of acronyms up front	Added Acronym list directly behind Contents.
Spehar 2	Various	Photos in text portion of document	Please add more descriptive captions that identify a well-known landmark nearby where the photo was taken	Captions have been made more descriptive.
Spehar 3	Map 1-3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundaries for SMA (yellow) are hard to read Check RMP for proper nomenclature for SMAs; may have used SD/MA which would cover multiple designations Move titles off of boundaries Check orange on maps Refer to final approved RMP to check ACECs, etc.; there are only three Follow up with John and Brian with any questions 	Adjustments made to address each of these items, improving graphic clarity and labeling conventions of FO. RMP was reviewed and map offsets corrected based on FO preferences.
Spehar 5	62	1	What does designated areas mean; should it be designated "wilderness" areas? Clarify in the text.	Text changed to read "designated <i>wilderness</i> areas."